

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2145
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SHORTAGE OF AMMONIUM NITRATE
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total production/Consumption of Ammonium Nitrate during each of the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) whether there is a shortage of Ammonium Nitrate which is main raw material of explosive industry as mentioned in 'Economic Times' dated November 30, 2004;
- (c) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (d) whether this shortage will in turn lead to unemployment and fall in production and rise in prices and reduced exports;
- (e) whether the Government has any plans to meet the situation apart from the easy way of imports; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

- (a) to (f) the information is being collected and would be placed on the table of the house.